UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN SOUTHERN DIVISION

| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, | |
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| Plaintiff, | Case No. 1:18-cr-255 |
| v. | HONORABLE PAUL L. MALONEY |
| MICHAEL ALLEN MERCHANT, | |
| Defendant. | |
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ORDER ADOPTING REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

The Court has reviewed the Report and Recommendation filed by United States

Magistrate Judge Ray Kent in this action (ECF No. 49). The Report and Recommendation was
duly served on the parties, and no objection has been made thereto within the time required by
law.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

- The Report and Recommendation of the Magistrate Judge is approved and adopted as the opinion of the Court.
- 2. Defendant's plea of guilty is accepted and defendant is adjudicated guilty of the charges set forth in Count Two and Four of the Indictment.
- 3. The written plea agreement is hereby continued under advisement pending sentencing.

Dated: August 7, 2019

/s/ Paul L. Maloney
Paul L. Maloney
United States District Judge